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REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES ON ITS FORTY-FIFTH SESSION

Ireland*, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal* and Romania: draft resolution

United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling article 4 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and article 8 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which state that no one shall be held in slavery or servitude,

Affirming that the struggle to eliminate slavery includes the provision of assistance to the victims and to the representatives of non-governmental organizations dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 46/122 of 17 December 1991, in which the Assembly decided to establish a voluntary trust fund on contemporary forms of slavery,

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* In accordance with rule 69, para. 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Convinced that the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery will play an important role in the protection of the human rights of victims of contemporary forms of slavery,

1. Welcomes the appointment by the Secretary-General of a Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/122;

2. Expresses its grave concern at the present financial situation of the Fund due to a lack of contributions;

3. Appeals again to all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund, if possible on a regular basis;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to transmit to all Governments the appeal of the Commission on Human Rights for contributions to the Fund;

5. Repeats its request to the Secretary-General to make use of all existing possibilities to assist the Board of Trustees of the Fund, inter alia through the preparation, production and dissemination of information material, in its efforts to make the Fund and its humanitarian work better known.